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Be it resolved, That this Chamber highly approves of the Commercial Review, a periodical established in this city by J. D. B. De Bow, Esq., and recommends it to the patronage of the commercial community. Samuel J. Peters, President.

Charles Briggs, Secretary.

Sir: I prefix copy of a resolution, passed unanimously at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, last evening.

Respectfully, Chas. Briggs, Sec'ry.

To J. D. B. De Bow, Esq.

Charleston Chamber of Commerce,
Charleston, Oct. 26th, 1846.

At a meeting of the Chamber, held this evening, the following resolutions were, after a few preparatory remarks, introduced by Col. J. Gadsden, and being seconded, were adopted by the Chamber.

Resolved, That the Commercial Review, edited in New Orleans by our fellow-citizen, J. D. B. De Bow, Esq., is a work well calculated to exercise a most favourable influence on the Commercial interests of the South and West.

Resolved, That the zeal and talent with which it has been commenced, and the able articles which have appeared in its pages, (as foreshadowing on the future the promises of the past,) strongly recommend the *Review* to the patronage of the Southern community, and that the Chamber of Commerce of Charleston feel gratified at the opportunity of presenting to the public this testimonial in its favor.

On motion of Mr. A Moise, Jr.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to Mr. De Bow, and that they be published in the daily newspapers of the city.

Extract from the minutes.

William B. Heriot, Secretary.

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CONSTITUTION
LOUISIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

ADOPTED JULY 1, 1846.

The preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts and records, containing historical facts, biographical anecdotes, temporary projects, and beneficial speculations, conduces to mark the genius delineate the manners, and trace the progress of society in the United States, and must always have a useful tendency to rescue the true history of the country from the ravages of time and the effect of ignorance or neglect. A collection of observations and descriptions in natural history and topography, together with specimens of natural and artificial curiosities, and a selection of every thing which can improve and promote the historical knowledge of our country either in a physical or political view, has long been considered as a desideratum. Such is the introductory language of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the oldest association of the kind in any of the States of the Union, and in no language more forcible and comprehensive it is conceived can the objects of the society we are about to organize be expressed.

ART. I.—The society shall be called the Historical Society of Louisiana.

ART. II.—It shall consist of *resident* and *honorary* members, the former to be of the State of Louisiana, the latter of other States.

ART. III.—The officers of the society shall be a President, six Vice Presidents, two Secretaries, whereof one shall be a recording and the other a corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and Librarian, elected annually, and by ballot.

ART. IV.—There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of seven members, appointed *annually* by the President, whose duty it shall be to solicit and receive donations, to recommend plans for promoting the ends of the society, to digest and prepare business, and to execute such other duties as may be entrusted to them from time to time, reporting the result at the regular meetings of the society.

ART. V.—The society shall meet regularly on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

ART. VI.—All resident members shall contribute for the use of the society five dollars annually to be paid over to the Treasurer.

ART. VII.—Members shall be elected by ballot on their names being presented to the society, but no individual can be elected member without receiving the votes of four-fifths of those present.

ART. VIII.—This constitution shall not be altered, or amended, or abrogated, without a vote of four-fifths of the members present, previous notice of one month having been given.

This constitution was ordered to be published in order to draw the attention of the people of Louisiana and of those Western States, including Texas, which formerly formed a part of Louisiana, to the subject. The society would solicit a co-operation from these quarters, and would be glad to receive at all times communications in reference to the physical or civil history of this section, or any manuscripts, maps, records, pamphlets, ancient papers or other documents which may be supposed of general interest. It is only in this way that the historical knowledge of this country can be perfected. Communications may be addressed to the Hon. Francois Xavier Martin, President, or to

J. D. B. DE BOW. *Secretary.*

New Orleans, July 1, 1846.